

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS, SUSAN BAHREN, in her official
capacity, and DAVID GREEN, in his official
capacity,

Defendant.

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) 12 Civ. 3071 (ER)
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) **United States' Notice of Filing of**
) **Federal Observer Reports for**
) **Elections Held on**
) **September 10, 2015,**
) **November 3, 2015,**
) **April 19, 2016,**
) **September 13, 2016, and**
) **November 8, 2016**
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Pursuant to Section 8 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10305 ("Section 8"), Plaintiff the United States of America hereby files the reports created by federal observers who were present at polling sites in Orange County, New York, for the September 10, 2015, November 3, 2015, April 19, 2016, September 13, 2016, and November 8, 2016, elections. Federal observer presence at these elections was authorized by this Court's April 19, 2012, consent decree in the instant case (Docket # 2), granting relief under Section 3(a) of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10302(a) ("Section 3(a)"). *See* Consent Decree, 12 Civ. 3071 (ER), ¶ 31 (Apr. 19, 2012).

Section 8(e) requires federal observers whose presence is authorized pursuant to Section 3(a) to report to the Attorney General and the Court, and the United States is therefore filing these reports to satisfy this statutory requirement. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 10305(e).

For purposes of this public filing, the United States has protected the privacy of certain information contained in the reports, including but not limited to the identities, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons voting or attempting to vote, and the names of persons other than

poll workers and poll watchers who provided assistance to individual voters. The United States has therefore redacted that information.

The reports accompany this filing. The original federal observer reports will be maintained in the offices of the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section.

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